

Mr. SMITH said: I have only to say that the gentlemen named in the order, are the only two members in the Convention, I believe, whose time has been limited. Every other gentleman who has spoken upon this question, has done so without being limited as to time. I think it is but fair that these gentlemen should have the same privilege that has been accorded to others.

Mr. SANDS. Some of us have been restricted to an hour, without any additional fifteen minutes. I was, myself.

Mr. SMITH, of Carroll. The very fact that the gentleman has been restricted should be an argument with him for voting for this order.

Mr. SANDS. I only stated what was the fact.

Mr. SMITH, of Carroll. I was not aware that was the fact.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I desire to ask a single question before I vote on this order. It is, whether, if the remainder of these speeches are printed as a part of our debates and proceedings, the fact will appear on the record that those portions were not delivered, but were printed by consent of the Convention? If it will so appear, then I shall be ready to vote for this order. I ask the question because I know it has so happened in other bodies, that remarks have been printed as delivered which were not delivered at all, and would not have been allowed to be delivered without being replied to. And as unavoidably we will not have an opportunity to reply to these speeches as printed, I think it should appear in the record of debates that they are printed without delivery, by permission of the Convention. If they will so appear, I shall have no objection to this order.

Mr. MILLER. I am perfectly willing, so far as I am concerned, that the record of debates should show the point at which my time expired yesterday, and that the remainder of the remarks are printed without being actually delivered.

Mr. BARRON. I would be perfectly satisfied to have all the speeches printed this way; let every member just hand in his speech and have it printed. That would suit me very well.

Mr. PUGH. I object to having these speeches printed without the Convention knowing everything about them, or knowing something about the course of the argument taken. I do not like the idea of having speeches printed, without the body knowing something about the character both of the argument and the facts stated. If we knew anything about the remarks, then I should have no objection whatever. I object to it, also, without some statement having been previously given, so that all members of the Convention should occupy in that respect the same position. A great many members of this Convention might write very different

speeches from those which they would deliver orally. If there was such an understanding as that had by the body, it would have been only fair to have notified all the members. I would be perfectly willing to have such an understanding for the future, so that every member—we are all peers here—should have an equal opportunity with others. I am perfectly satisfied that there are some members of this body who can write far better than they can speak, and it would be but fair that they should have that opportunity as well as any other member of this body. A gentleman might write his speech out far differently from the one which he would deliver. He might make an oral speech, which would be the one we would have here; while posterity would have a far different speech. These are my objections to the adoption of this order.

Mr. DANIEL. In justification to myself, I wish to say to the Convention that I have not desired this, nor has it at all been by any instigation of my own. I must say, after the remarks which have been made, that I am rather disposed to vote against the order. I am afraid if it be adopted it will lead to too much latitude. As has been well said here, it is but proper that members of this Convention should know what the members say, in order that they may be properly and understandingly replied to, if it should be deemed necessary. It does seem to me that a great many objectionable things might be put in an argument, which might not be spoken here, or read here, but which might go out to the community and do a great deal of injury. Therefore, I think myself, that whatever is said here, whether written or spoken, should come fairly before the Convention. And that is especially necessary, it seems to me, because the printer is so far behind our debates, and we do not get to see our remarks printed until some two weeks after they are delivered. I think that, as a general thing, although I have left out some points which I intended to make, an hour and a quarter is enough for any man.

Mr. SCOTT. I move to amend the order of the gentleman from Carroll, (Mr. Smith,) by adding: "and that every other member of this Convention, and everybody else, may write out whatever he pleases, and have it appear upon the debates of this Convention as a speech that he might, or could, or would, or should have submitted to this Convention."

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Cecil (Mr. Scott) must reduce his amendment to writing.

Mr. SCOTT. Well, it was only in joke that I said it.

Mr. SMITH, of Carroll. I supposed the gentleman was not in earnest. But I was really in earnest in offering my order, and did not think it would excite any jocularly. I take it for granted that no gentleman in